MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to part (*a*) of the answer, that the question of granting increments is being considered. Will the member be pleased to say the cause of the delay?

PRESIDENT: From what date to what date is there delay?

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): From the answer of the member I have to note that the matter was under consideration a few months back.

PRESIDENT: That is wrong.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state that in view of the hardship that clerks experience, the matter will be taken up and disposed of?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is suggesting an answer.

PRESIDENT: You are not asking a question.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state whether there are any more vacancies to be filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was one vacancy which arose three days ago, and I have filled it up.

Sinking of a well in Vellachivilai.

98. MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the sinking of a well for the use of the Sambavars in Vellachivilai in Alur pakuti of the Kalkulam taluk has been commenced;

(*b*) how long is it since the work was commenced; and

(*c*) how many years it will take for its completion?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) It is presumed that the member refers to the well at Neduvilacherry in Kalkulam pakuti, north of M. S. Road, 36th mile. This well was started in 1103 and dug for a depth of 12 ft. when hard rock was met with and the work had therefore to be suspended.

(*c*) The period cannot be definitely given.

Applications for permission to erect churches.

99. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received by them for permission to erect new churches from 10-11-1104 to 10-5-1105;

(*b*) of these, how many applications have been disposed of; and

(*c*) of those disposed of, how many applications have been granted?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 55.

(*b*) 50.

(*c*) 35.

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